

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A washing machine control method, comprising steps of:
executing a dewatering step;
accelerating a motor to rotate a drum, according to a predetermined rate, in response to said dewatering execution step;
detecting, if the predetermined rate exceeds a first value but is less than a second value, whether a state of vibration exists with respect to the drum rotated according to the predetermined rate; and
stopping the motor if the detected state of vibration exists.
2. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said accelerating step is repeated until a desired dewatering speed is reached.
3. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of stopping the motor if the detected eccentricity value exceeds a the reference eccentricity value.
4. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of incrementing the predetermined rate if it is determined that no state of vibration exists with respect to the drum rotated according to the predetermined rate.
5. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the predetermined rate is incremented according to predetermined values data stored in the a lookup table.

6. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of:
detecting an eccentricity value with respect to the drum rotated according to the
predetermined rate; and
comparing the detected eccentricity value to a reference eccentricity value stored in a
lookup table.

7. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 6, further comprising a step of incrementing
the predetermined rate if it is determined that the detected eccentricity value is less than the
reference eccentricity value and that no state of vibration exists with respect to the drum rotated
according to the predetermined rate.

8. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the first value of the
predetermined rate is 150 rpm and the second value of the predetermined rate is 300 rpm.

9. (Withdrawn) A washing machine comprising:
a motor to rotate a drum according to a predetermined rate;
means for detecting whether a state of vibration exists with respect to the rotating drum;
and
a microcomputer having a lookup table, coupled to said vibration state detection means,
for controlling the predetermined rate of said motor and for stopping said motor if the detected
eccentricity value exceeds a reference eccentricity value stored in the lookup table or if the
detected state of vibration exists.

10. (Withdrawn) The washing machine as claimed in claim 9, further comprising:
means, coupled to said microcomputer, for detecting eccentricity value with respect to the
rotating drum.

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11. (Withdrawn) The washing machine as claimed in claim 10, wherein said microcomputer stops said motor if the detected eccentricity value exceeds a reference eccentricity value stored in the lookup table.